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Minnesota **corn** production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Crop Production* report. If realized, the production would be the highest on record, 4 percent above 2012 production. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 184 bushels per acre, an increase of 28 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the yield will also be highest on record, 7 bushels above 2010. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 8.20 million acres. An estimated 7.75 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 366 million bushels. If realized, this would be the highest soybean production on record, 11 percent above the previous high from 2010. The August 1 forecast yield is 48 bushels per acre, 6 bushels above 2014. If realized, yield will also be the highest on record, surpassing 2005's 45.5 bushels per acre. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 7.70 million acres with 7.62 million acres to be harvested.

**Spring Wheat** production is estimated at 102 million bushels, an increase of 58 percent from 2014. If realized, production would be the highest since 2003. Yield is forecast at 64 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast and up 9 bushels from the previous year. If realized, yield would be the highest on record.

**Barley** production is forecast at 5.95 million bushels, up 91 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at 70 bushels an acre, up 5 bushels from July and up 18 bushels from 2014.

**Oat** production for grain is forecast at 12.1 million bushels, up 53 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 71 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from July and up 8 bushels from 2014.

**Sugarbeet** production is estimated at 11.7 million tons, up 20 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at a record 27.1 tons per acre, up 4.6 tons from 2014.

Minnesota hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is forecast at 3.20 tons per acre, with a total production of 3.36 million tons, a 5 percent increase in production from 2014. The forecast yield for other hay is 1.80 tons per acre, with a production of 1.48 million tons.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 11.

## Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
Barley.....(Bu)	60	85	52.0	70.0	3,120	5,950
Corn.....(Bu)	7,550	7,750	156.0	184.0	1,177,800	1,426,000
Dry Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	148.0	182.0	1,950	2,000	2,887	3,640
Hay, Alfalfa.....(Ton)	1,100	1,050	2.90	3.20	3,190	3,360
Hay, Other.....(Ton)	810	820	1.60	1.80	1,296	1,476
Oats.....(Bu)	125	170	63.0	71.0	7,875	12,070
Sugarbeets.....(Ton)	434.0	431.0	22.5	27.1	9,765	11,680
Soybeans.....(Bu)	7,270	7,620	42.0	48.0	305,340	365,760
Wheat, Spring.....(Bu)	1,180	1,600	55.0	64.0	64,900	102,400
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Barley.....(Bu)	2,443	2,919	72.4	71.8	176,794	209,690
Corn.....(Bu)	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	14,215,532	13,686,063
Dry Beans <sup>1</sup> .....	1,665.7	1,701.9	1,753	1,721	29,206	29,287
Hay, Alfalfa.....(Ton)	18,445	18,337	3.33	3.39	61,446	62,092
Hay, Other.....(Ton)	38,647	38,202	2.03	2.09	78,352	80,008
Oats.....(Bu)	1,029	1,220	67.7	70.0	69,684	85,456
Sugarbeets.....(Ton)	1,146.7	1,144.0	27.4	29.9	31,365	34,211
Soybeans.....(Bu)	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	3,968,823	3,916,448
Wheat, Spring.....(Bu)	12,740	13,217	46.7	47.0	595,038	620,981

<sup>1</sup> Yield in lb; production in cwt.

**Dry Edible Beans, Area Planted by Commercial Class – Minnesota:  
2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015**

Commercial Class	Planted	
	2014	2015
	(thousand acres)	(thousand acres)
Navy	50.4	47.6
Great Northern	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Pinto	9.8	11.0
Light red kidney	17.2	23.7
Dark red kidney	39.9	55.5
Pink	4.3	4.2
Small red	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Cranberry	( <sup>1</sup> )	( <sup>1</sup> )
Black	23.4	35.2
Other	10.0	12.8
All dry beans	155.0	190.0

<sup>1</sup> Data are included in "Other" class to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**U.S. Corn Supply and Use**

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>1</sup> Projections August
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,772
Production	13,829	14,216	13,686
Imports	36	30	30
<b>Supply, total</b>	<b>14,686</b>	<b>15,477</b>	<b>15,488</b>
Feed & Residual	5,030	5,300	5,300
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,503	6,555	6,625
<b>Domestic, total</b>	<b>11,534</b>	<b>11,855</b>	<b>11,925</b>
Exports	1,920	1,850	1,850
<b>Use, total</b>	<b>13,454</b>	<b>13,705</b>	<b>13,775</b>
<b>Ending Stocks, total</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>1,713</b>
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.65 - 3.75	3.35 - 3.95

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary

**U.S. Soybean Supply and Use**

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>1</sup> Projections August
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	141	92	240
Production	3,358	3,969	3,916
Imports	72	30	30
<b>Supply, total</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,186</b>
Crushings	1,734	1,845	1,860
Exports	1,638	1,825	1,725
Seed	97	98	92
Residual	9	83	40
<b>Use, total</b>	<b>3,478</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,717</b>
<b>Ending stocks</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>470</b>
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.05	8.40 - 9.90

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary

## United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 168.8 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.9 bushels per acre, down 0.9 bushel from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.5 million acres, down 1 percent from June but up nearly 1 percent from 2014. Planted area for the Nation is estimated at 84.3 million acres, down 1 percent from June.